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SAFETY MEASURES FOR WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken appropriate measures for implementation of 50 kgs. norms as per ILO standards with the State Government for protection of health of workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any notification has been issued to States for compliance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (d) A decision was taken by the Central Government, in 1994, to switch over to 50 Kg. Packaging of foodgrains keeping in view of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention No.127 and Recommendation No. 128 regarding Maximum Permissible Weight to be carried by an adult person. It was also decided that the total change over to 50 Kg. packaging of wheat and rice will be resorted to in a phased manner in the next 5 years starting from the 1994-95 Kharif Marketing Season. Wheat and levy rice are already being procured by Food Corporation of India (FCI) in50 Kg. bags. It is expected that FCI would be able to switch over to 50 Kg. bags completely with effect from Rabi Marketing Season 2002-2003.

As per available information cement, fertilizers and chemicals are already being packed in 50 Kg. bags.

So far as packing of sugar is concerned, it has been decided to switch over to 50 Kg. bags and also suitably amend the Sugar (Packing and Marking) Order 1970 as soon as such bags are approved by the Bureau of Indian Standards.

The Central Government had issued instructions to concerned States on 16th May 1995 for resorting to 50 Kg. packaging of wheat and rice.